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Sinking Creek Area of Ozark National Scenic Riverways is Open

Van Buren MO – Ozark National Scenic Riverways announces Sinking Creek Area is open for visitor use. The public can camp at the eight designated campsites, park vehicles at the established parking areas, and put-in their canoes, boats, kayaks, and tubes. Visitors with trailered boats can put-in at Carr's Store, 1 mile south of Sinking Creek or at Round Spring, 1 ½ miles south of Sinking Creek. Within a few minutes' drive of Sinking Creek, large groups can camp at these sites:

Akers

Round Spring

Pulltite

In 2008, park field staff prompted park management to address visitor day use and overnight camping at Sinking Creek. Use in this popular area lacked clear delineation on where to park or camp. This resulted in overcrowding, haphazard parking and camping anywhere including the gravel bars. Vehicles, trailers, camping equipment, litter and campfire debris could be seen by passing Current River floaters.

A Sinking Creek Site Upgrade Plan was prepared, park approved, and posted on the National Park Service's park planning website (www.parkplanning.nps.gov) for public information in September 2009. The plan included eight designated campsites with two parking spaces each, picnic tables, fire ring grills, and lantern posts. Two day use parking areas were planned with ten spaces and two extra spaces at the restroom. Work began in 2010 on establishing the parking areas, adding the designated

campsites, and finally the week of July 5, 2011, the placement of large boulders at funnels to the gravel bars. The project is now complete except for revegetation.



Boulder Placement at Sinking Creek

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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